

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 50-72 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-49 were previously canceled. Claim 50 has been amended herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

In the Advisory Action dated May 15, 2006 issued prior to filing the RCE, the Examiner commented that the proposed amendment of claim 50 dated May 5, 2006 "does not [1] include the limitations of claim 1 that the first and second dielectric materials have different etching characteristics, or [2] of depositing a conductive material over the patterned second dielectric material and the patterned first dielectric material, wherein said first dielectric material has a CTE substantially similar to the CTE of the conductive material."

However, these limitations *were not* included in the original claim 1 or the original claim 14 or any of the original claims intermediate to independent claim 1 and dependent claim 14. Therefore, this is not a new issue that has not been considered. In fact, in the first Office Action dated October 3, 2005, the issue was not only considered, but original claims 14-17 were considered allowable without these limitations.

The Examiner also commented that the amended claim 50 did not include the step of "cleaning the processing chamber specifically before removing the second dielectric in the second pattern regions." Although Applicant believes the sequence order of the steps could only be carried out in the necessary order, claim 50 has been further amended to clarify the order of the processing steps.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issuance. If the Examiner should

have any questions, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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